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FYI – for Friday’s Ag WIP Workgroup meeting.

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Hi, folks,

Attached is the draft of revisions to the Workgroup’s preliminary report that is the starting point for review, criticisms, recommendations and hopefully consensus by the Workgroup for presentation to the Steering Committee. Several persons besides myself were involved, with those engaged working independently to revise specific areas that they volunteered to do. To this point, the draft reflects a compilation of efforts made individually, and is not be viewed by you as representing any degree of collaboration or joint support or acceptance by or among the Co-Chairs. It’s a draft, and those who did volunteer to draft changes to specific portions may be recommending substantial changes to other portions they were not involved with.

As with the first draft of the Workgroup’s preliminary report that was circulated in June of last year, the revisions contained in the attached document try to incorporate and reflect the discussions and collective thoughts that were believed to have been reached by the Workgroup during meetings we’ve had after the release of our preliminary report. The language in blue should reflect that which has been added or modified from the preliminary report. To be honest, focus of the draft was to include additional recommendations or to make material modifications of recommendations that had surfaced in the course of more recent meetings. So, there was little real

attention in reviewing existing language of other areas for which the Workgroup was not suggesting any real change at recent meetings. There may still need to be some edits for consistency with other portions of the draft.

I will again admit (like I did with last year's initial circulation of the preliminary report) that this draft hasn't been thoroughly proofread for errors. So there may well be some typos and grammatical errors and inconsistencies that will need to be cleaned up. Again, if you would focus more closely on the accuracy of thought being communicated rather than accuracy of grammar, that would be very helpful in getting the quality of feedback we need.

I'm also going to express sincere apologies for not getting this to you well before this. I realize we still have time to bring all the ideas that have surfaced at more recent meetings to the attention of the powers that be. But I also suggested this draft would be to you much sooner than today. And I am disappointed that you're not even given a full weekend prior to our upcoming meeting to peruse it.

A large portion of Friday's meeting will focus on the concepts and recommendations contained in this draft. But just to give us a clearer focus of areas to consider and to make Friday's meeting more, I would encourage you offer and share by email with other Workgroup members before Friday your thoughts and ideas on the additions and modifications drafted. The emails of all of the Workgroup members are provided above. Do they accurately reflect our discussion and collective thoughts? Do they make sense? Was anything significant left out? We can refine the language later, but it's more important that the draft accurately capture and reflect what we discussed at meetings and what we as a body thought should be part of our package of recommendations.

If anyone has any questions or concerns you want to raise with me or with other Workgroup members, please do so. I'm certainly readily available for contact, if you do. Many thanks to all of you for your continued effort and support.

Sincerely,

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